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▶ John Stoddard and Courtney Hennessey, owners of Higher Ground Farm, plan to launch a rooftop farm in the Seaport District.

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By the numbers

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Parts of Southeastern Massachusetts could see up to four inches of snow from a storm expected to move into the area Tuesday. However, the National Weather Service said yesterday that the track of the storm is still uncertain and that it may only produce a glancing blow. METRO

Today's local tweet

"So many people going to Boston they had to split us into two busses.....I hate the holiday travel. HATE IT."

@MORGANNEG, WHO WAS NOT ENJOYING THE RIDE BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER THANKSGIVING BREAK

In the news

COURTESY @AL_C_A

Green Line crash under review

BOSTON. The cause of a collision between a Green Line trolley and an MBTA paratransit vehicle was under investigation yesterday following a morning accident on Huntington Avenue.

Joe Pesaturo, a T spokesman, said no passengers were hurt in the 9 a.m. crash.

On Oct. 8 two Green Line trollies collided on Huntington Avenue between the Brigham Circle and Longwood Medical Area stops.

That accident was caused by human error, Pesaturo said, as the switch was in the wrong position. METRO

Man hurt in downtown stabbing

BOSTON. A fight inside a Boylston Street bar led to a man being stabbed early yesterday morning.

A 33-year-old man told police he was stabbed while at Whiskey's at about 2 a.m. The man said another man grabbed his chain, sparking a fight. That man fled in a green Honda Accord along with three other men, witnesses told police.

The victim suffering injuries that were not life-threatening. METRO

Human error reason for gas explosion

SPRINGFIELD. A worker struck a gas line causing an explosion that damaged or destroyed scores of buildings last week. State fire officials said yesterday that a worker investigating an odor of gas accidentally punctured a gas main Friday.

The explosion left 19 people injured, destroyed a Springfield strip club at the center of the blast and damaged more than 40 other buildings. BOSTON.COM

Food with a view: A look at Boston's rooftop farm

Boston will dig the 8-story-high farm, says urban farming duo ◗ First harvest could come next autumn

As Jamaica Plain residents Courtney Hennessey and John Stoddard sauntered around the roof of the Boston Design Center on a windy November morning, they had their eyes fixed on more than a breathtaking Boston skyline.

The site is the future home to Higher Ground Farm, the city's first rooftop farm, which will span across 55,000 square feet atop the Seaport structure.

Recover Green Roofs, a Somerville company, is overseeing the project's installation, which will likely begin this winter. Once completed in the spring, it will be the second largest open-air commercial roof farm in the world, behind the 65,000-square-foot Brooklyn Grange urban farm in New York.

"I think the city wants this," said Hennessey. "It's already happening in New York and Chicago. People really want to see something happen in Boston."

▶ Courtney Hennessey and John Stoddard have high hopes for Boston's new rooftop farm.

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Future plans

Hennessey and Stoddard expect to make their first harvest next fall, plucking a diverse selection of vegetables from the 10-inch-deep soil, with a concentration on tomatoes, herbs, and greens. There is talk of a farm stand, a CSA program and bike deliveries — but much like the soon-to-be farm, that is all up in the air.

"A lot of this will start to shake out as the business starts to unfold," Stoddard said. "We call ourselves an urban agriculture company, so we're focusing on starting this roof farm, but we'd like to expand as the business gets going."

If all goes well, the pair may hire additional sets of hands and hop to other rooftops.

More urban goodies from area farms

While Higher Ground Farm will be Boston's first rooftop farm, it is not the area's first urban endeavor.

- Green City Growers, of Somerville, installs and maintains urban farms and gardens while showing residents how to grow food in backyards or on rooftops.
- Ledge Kitchen & Drinks in Dorchester has a rooftop garden that provides the restaurant with fresh produce.
- Last year the Seaport Hotel made its roof home to two hives — or roughly 90,000 bees — in order to produce honey for specialty dishes in its two restaurants.

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Tree. Takeover

▶ Officials at Faneuil Hall Marketplace bill their Christmas tree as the biggest in New England.

ERIN BALDASSARI/METRO

Christmas trees popping up in Hub

Now that Thanksgiving is over the Christmas season is in full swing and that means shopping and lighted trees. Faneuil Hall Marketplace bills its 85-foot tree as the biggest holiday tree in New England. The tree is part of a special event this year called "Blink!" that features 350,000 LED lights that flicker along with music every 30 minutes starting in the late afternoon. A celebration for the Boston Common tree lighting will take place Thursday night. METRO

Report shows racial gap for commuters

BOSTON. A new report shows widely differing commuting times among racial and ethnic groups in Greater Boston.

Last week the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University released a report that shows a time travel gap exists among commuters who take the same mode of transportation, with shorter commutes for white workers whether they drive or ride mass transit. The report also showed that white commuters who drive to work are traveling less than 27 minutes each way, but black bus riders spend more than 46 minutes traveling each way. GLOBE

66 The report said black bus commuters spend 66 hours more a year in waiting, riding and transferring than white.

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In the news

O'Malley says election not about 'social program'

BOSTON. The leader of the Archdiocese of Boston said President Barack Obama's election win was helped by the economy and the Hispanic community rather than "any social program."

"I don't think that the election results were so much an endorsement of any social program, but rather were motivated by the economy and, certainly among Hispanic community, the immigration issue, which is uppermost in their minds," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

▶ O'Malley

O'Malley made the comments during a taped interview with WBZ's Jon Keller that aired yesterday.

O'Malley also said that Obama's decision on immunity from deportation for young illegal immigrants helped propel him to a second term. METRO

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Arlington pic sparks hatred on Facebook

Lindsey Stone has been out of a job since Wednesday, thanks to a photograph of her flipping her middle finger at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a business trip, but that apparently wasn't enough for the creator of an online hate page that is calling for her to be lit on fire.

The page, created the day it was announced she no longer worked at Living Independently Forever, Inc., a nonprofit based in Hyannis, played off of a page created earlier that demanded LIFE "Fire Lindsey Stone."

One person had chimed in, "This page is ridiculous, it goes too far, just like [Stone] did."

By yesterday that page had racked up nearly 130 "likes."

However, backlash against the backlash has been brewing for days, with online debates heating up over whether the outpouring of threats and insults against the Plymouth resident are justified or over the line.

Attempts to reach her at home yesterday were unsuccessful, but last week she and Schuh issued a public apology.

When asked what kind of response LIFE received from the public after accepting Stone's resignation, LIFE Cape Cod Executive Director Diane Enochs said yesterday, "The photo understandably elicited a wide range of responses. We appreciate the fact that many people have expressed an opinion on the posting of the photo and our response."

▶ The photo in question

Hate-filled expressions

Facebook users from across the nation flaunt their hatred for Lindsey Stone:

- "I would gladly spend $3.80 for the gallon of premium to torch this waste of skin." — **Kent Hicks**
- "ship her to Iraq, throw her to the wolves" — **Sam Johnson**
- "Just tar and feather the b—." — **Ron Dill**
- "Then use the fire!" — **Dale Allen Surrett**
- "Piss on her whole families graves" — **Adam Kearns**

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Winter. Closing

▶ Patrons of Sullivan's make one last visit to the snack stand on its last day of the 2012 season.

ERIN BALDASSARI/METRO

Sullivan's, the South Boston landmark, closed for the winter yesterday, but not before a few hearty souls braved the cold temperatures for a last taste of summer. The Castle Island institution served up some hot dogs, french fries and other treats on its last day of the season. The snack shop will reopen again in late February. METRO

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In the news

Cahill trial enters fourth week

MASSACHUSETTS. The public corruption trial of former state treasurer Tim Cahill enters its fourth week today with prosecutors still laying out their case for the jury. Cahill, of Quincy, has pleaded not guilty to using public money for lottery advertising to boost his image during his 2010 run for governor.

Prosecutors may wrap up their case this week, allowing the defense to begin calling witnesses. Defense attorneys have said they expect to lay out their case over three or four days. It is also likely that Cahill will take the witness stand.

Cahill and his campaign manager were indicted earlier this year. **METRO/SHNS**

Two hurt in Chelsea drive-by shooting

CHELSEA. Police in Chelsea are asking for the public's help after two men were hurt early yesterday in a drive-by shooting.

Officers were called to 130 Congress Ave. just after midnight for a report of a shooting. When they arrived, officers found two men, ages 18 and 21, with gunshot wounds to their legs and arms.

The men were walking on the street when a black car came up next to them and someone started shooting, police said. Both men are in stable condition. Anyone with information can call 617-466-4811. **METRO**

Next stop: An MBTA holiday shop

COURTESY MBTA

▶ Need a stocking stuffer? The MBTA has new seasonal gift ideas available online.

On the busiest shopping day of the year, the MBTA announced that it will start its promotion of T items for sale online and at a brick-and-mortar store in Cambridge, giving tourists and commuters alike a chance to bring home a little bit of their public transportation experience.

Over the weekend, hundreds of advertisements went up on MBTA buses and subway trains throughout the system showing off some of the T-themed merchandise.

The ads will be visible on 70 bus exteriors and inside 300 buses and subway cars.

The MBTA launched its online store, www.mbtagifts.com, last year. The merchandise is also for sale at Ward Maps store at 1735 Massachusetts Ave. in Cambridge.

Over the weekend, the store received a large delivery of the T's most coveted holiday item - wooden MBTA trains. The shipment weighed about 5,800 pounds, according to a T spokesman.

A Red Line wooden train and tracks cost $11.95, and a commuter rail wooden train and tracks runs $29.95.

Other highly requested items are MBTA key chains, mouse pads, mugs, stuffed animals and MBTA ornaments.

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Menino still in hospital

BOSTON. Mayor Thomas Menino has spent a month in a Boston hospital, and there's still no time frame for his release.

Menino, 69, was admitted to Brigham and Women's Hospital with a virus and blood clot in his leg a month ago after cutting short a vacation in Italy.

"He's doing much better and continues to improve every day," John Guilfoil, a Menino spokesman, said yesterday.

Menino, the longest-serving mayor in Boston history, also suffered a compression fracture in his vertebrae while in the hospital. Menino's office said that although he was in the hospital for Thanksgiving, the mayor did enjoy a holiday meal. **METRO/MN**

Hospitalization

Menino has spent just over four weeks in the hospital.

- The mayor was admitted on Oct. 26.
- Doctors at Brigham and Women's Hospital addressed reporters two weeks ago on Menino's condition and said then that their focus was healing his back, which was causing him more pain.

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▶ All the gifts purchased will be sent directly to Metro's office. It's the third year of Metro Magic, where we ask our readers to go online to buy toys for underprivileged children.
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Black Friday online sales top $1B for the first time

Black Friday retail sales online this year topped $1 billion for the first time ever as more consumers used the Internet to do their holiday shopping, comScore Inc. said yesterday.

E-commerce accounts for less than 10 percent of consumer spending in the United States. However, it is growing much faster than brick-and-mortar retail as shoppers are lured by low prices, convenience, faster shipping and wide selection.

ShopperTrak, which counts foot traffic in physical retail stores, estimated Black Friday sales of $11.2 billion, down 1.8 percent from last year.

"Online has been around 9 percent of total holiday sales, but it could breach 10 percent for the first time this season," said Scot Wingo, chief executive of ChannelAdvisor, which helps merchants sell more on websites, including Amazon.com and eBay.com.

22%

Online sales jumped at least 22 percent on Black Friday, from sales of $816 million on the same day last year, according to ComScore data.

ComScore expects online retail spending to rise 17 percent to $43.4 billion through the whole holiday season. That is above the 15 percent increase last season and ahead of the retail industry's expectation for a 4.1 percent increase in overall spending this holiday.

It's not clear yet whether strong Black Friday sales online will weaken growth on Cyber Monday. **REUTERS**

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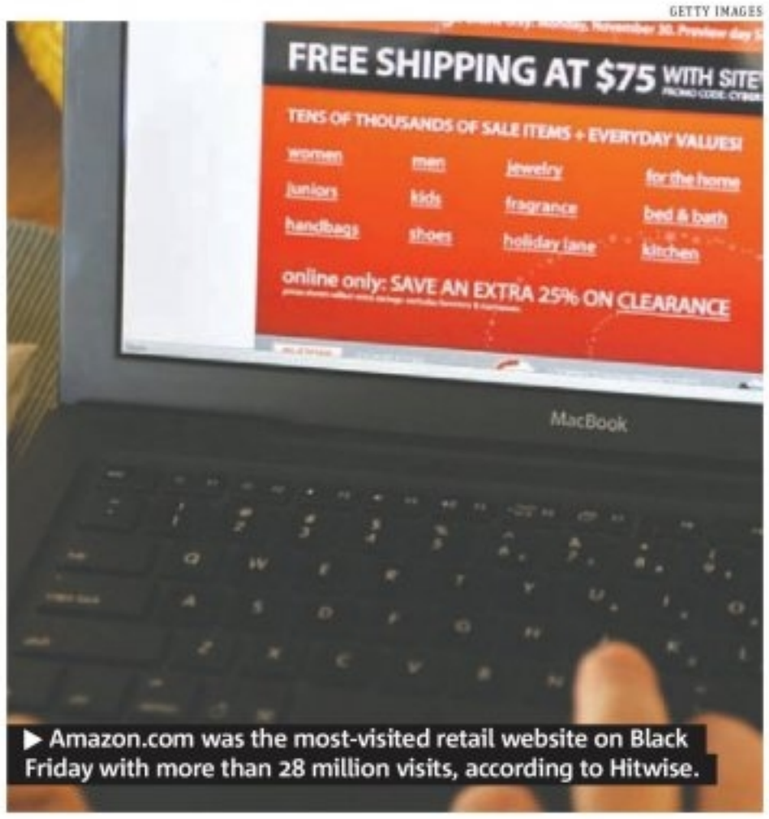

▶ Amazon.com was the most-visited retail website on Black Friday with more than 28 million visits, according to Hitwise.

In the news

Arafat body to be exhumed this week

The corpse of former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will be exhumed next week to investigate allegations he was poisoned, a senior Palestinian official said.

Arafat's tomb in the city of Ramallah will be opened tomorrow, Tawfiq Tirawi, a member of the Palestinian Authority's central committee, said yesterday.

Arafat's wife, Suha, had requested an autopsy to search for traces of a poisonous substance. She told Al Jazeera in July that a Swiss laboratory had detected high levels of the radioactive isotope polonium in Arafat's clothes, which have been in storage since his death in 2004.

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Revealed: The etiquette of men's restrooms

The byzantine, but largely unspoken rules about how men use pubic bathrooms have been revealed.

Researchers at the University of London spent months studying how men used a variety of public bathrooms and found that many find the experience very stressful.

Dr. Sarah Moore told the U.K.'s Star newspaper: "Quite a few of our participants reported feeling so intimidated and nervous in certain bathrooms that they were physically unable to use the facilities."

They feared physical violence if they failed to stick to certain basic rules, including:

- **Never make eye contact.**
- **Never push into a urinal line unless there is room.**
- **Never draw attention to yourself.**

Men feared being taken for voyeurs by other men, she added. METRO

Head of COP18 speaks of confidence over deal

After the disappointment of previous COP summits, an army of 17,000 delegates is in Qatar attempting to agree an international treaty on protecting the environment. Dr. Saleemul Huq is there and expects progress.

After recent failures, why should we be optimistic about COP18?
There is urgency because the previous Kyoto Protocol expires Dec. 31, and everyone recognizes there needs to be an agreement lasting to 2015. I think Obama's election victory has helped break the taboo on climate change issues and there is growing realization from the EU and China that we need to take it more seriously.

What are the main obstacles?
One concern is financing the developing countries on climate change. The agreement of $30 billion support over three years is expiring — and although everyone knows what is needed, the exact language will be argued about until the last hour of the last day. The commitment has been very contentious and countries such as Russia and Australia have been playing hard to get.

How do you reenergize public opinion on green issues?
We are rapidly approaching the point that renewable energy becomes financially competitive and if the nations can cooperate we will see a tipping point away from fossil fuels. Major weather events are making people take notice, such as superstorm Sandy and a major drought in the U.S. Midwest this year. The so-called "Denialists," like [New Jersey] Governor Chris Christie, are breaking ranks and accepting the science.

How significant is locating the event in Qatar?
It seems strange as it has the highest per capita emissions in the world. But the government is proactive and is bringing in the other Gulf states that rely on oil exports. They want to be part of the solution, not the problem and are allocating major resources for solar energy. They are so rich that if they invest now, they will be well placed to lead the renewable revolution.

ANTHONY JOHNSON

▶ Huq

Quoted

"I think Obama's election victory has helped break the taboo on climate change issues, and there is growing realization from the EU and China that we need to take it more seriously." HUQ

▶ Superstorm Sandy hit hard at Cape May in New Jersey.

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COP17 in South Africa

What is COP18?

Since the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change entered into force in 1994, the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC has been meeting annually to assess progress in dealing with climate change. The COP is the "supreme body" of the Convention, its highest decision-making authority. It's an association of all the countries that are Parties to the Convention.

There are now 195 parties to the convention taking part in climate change negotiations. Successive decisions taken by the COP make up a set of rules for practical and effective implementation of the convention.

In 2010, governments agreed that emissions needed to be reduced so that global temperature increases could be limited to below 2 degrees Celsius.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF COMPUTING

▶ The Harwell Dekatron computer (aka "Witch")

Ancestor to iPhone brought back to life

The world's oldest original working digital computer has been rebooted after lying forgotten in storage for 20 years. The 61-year-old Harwell Dekatron (aka "Witch") computer has clattered back into action at the National Museum of Computing, based at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, England, after a three-year restoration project.

The machine, one of a dozen in the world, was first used in the 1950s at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Oxfordshire, England, for mathematical modelling.

It has survived over the last six decades while its contemporaries have been recycled or destroyed.

The computer took up to 10 seconds to multiply two numbers but still mustered 80 hours of running time in a week.

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"It's great to see it working again. To see it in action is to watch the inner workings of a computer."

KEVIN MURRELL, TRUSTEE OF NATIONAL MUSEUM OF COMPUTING

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Instead of the transistors of modern electronics, 828 flashing Dekatron tubes — gas-filled cylinders — are some of the key parts of the computer. Each valve holds 10 tubes that are activated for the decimal counting system.

Tale of the tape

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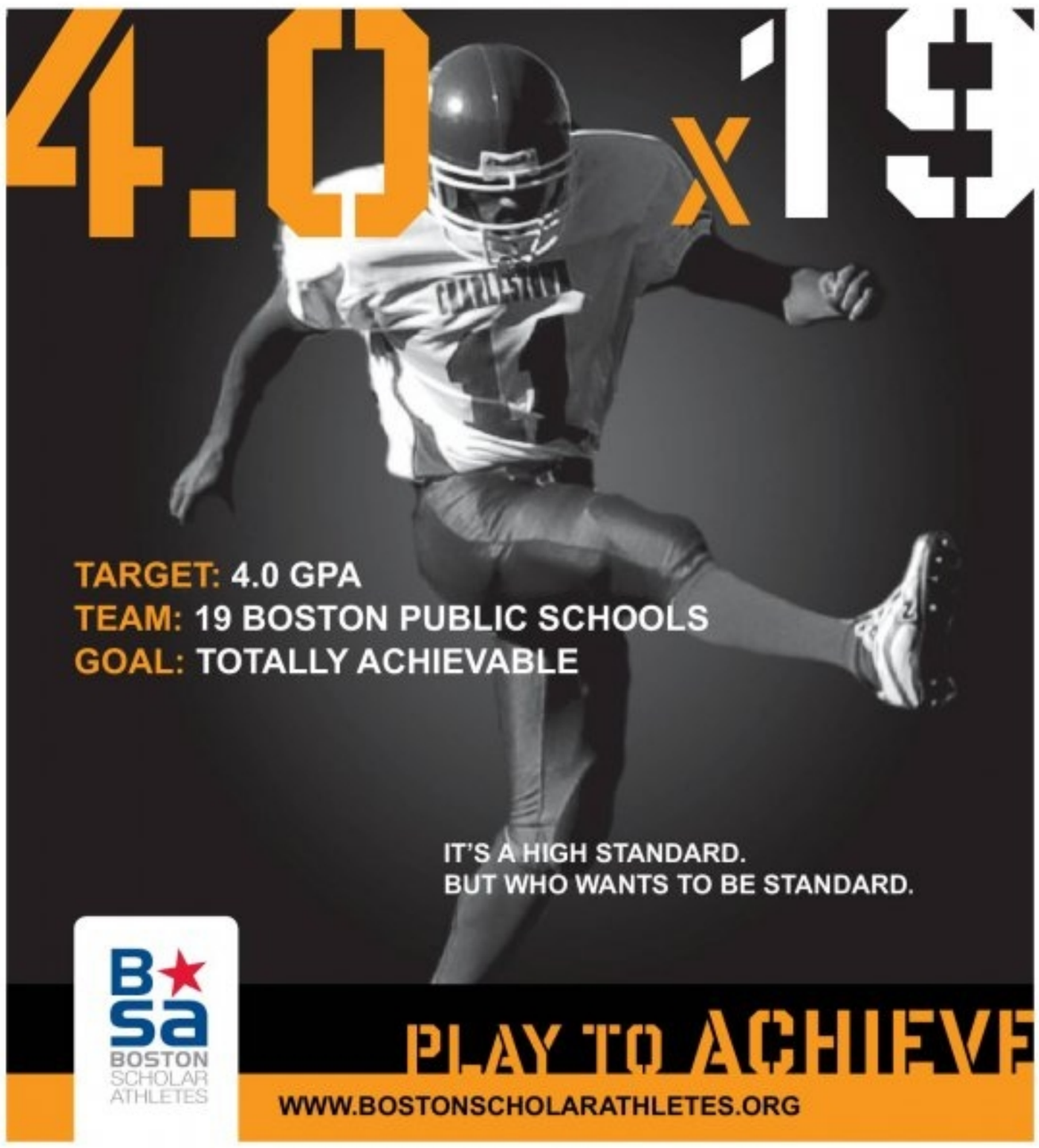

Study abroad

The business of higher education

British author and professor Gary Rolfe doesn't have to look far to find the encroaching corporate values he so vocally detests in education. His own university's mission statement is a prime example: "Swansea [University] will deliver an outstanding student experience, with teaching of the highest quality that produces graduates equipped for distinguished personal and professional achievement."

"The shocking thing about many of these mission statements for U.K. universities is the conspicuous lack of the word 'education' or the word 'learning,'" explains Rolfe. "[These words] have been replaced with 'student experience.'"

Rolfe's latest book, "University in Dissent: Scholarship in the Corporate University," is a philosophical tongue-lashing of the U.K.'s recent shift to a fee-for-degree system. "[In the U.S.] the focus appears still to be on education and, in some cases, a liberal education. This has all but disappeared in the U.K., apart from the very top schools," he says. "Part of the reason for the difference might be that American students have paid up-front for their education [for a long time], and the system has grown up around that idea — whereas fees were only introduced in the U.K. relatively recently. U.K. students are still adjusting to the idea of education as a purchase and, as a result, attitudes flipped very rapidly from education for its own sake to the idea of education as an investment."

Rolfe, for one, isn't hopeful that the current system can be changed. "If we look at the history of the modern university over the past 200 years, we can see a gradual but exponential shift from the university as being in the service of society and answerable to the state, to the current situation of self-funding, profit-making businesses," says Rolfe. "There is, I fear, no turning back."

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The fee-for-degree trend will be a difficult one to reverse.

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The stats on college statistics programs

American undergraduates are showing an interest in statistics, which was once an unpopular field of study Jobs in the field are plentiful

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Statisticians are more in-demand than ever.

In 2010, statistics professor Alan Agresti retired from the University of Florida after 38 years. In that time, he witnessed his field transform from a niche profession for the numerically inclined into one of the most marketable degrees in higher education.

His latest book — "Strength in Numbers," which he co-edited with Xiao-Li Meng of Harvard University — is an attempt to record the history of the oldest statistics programs across the U.S., from Berkeley to Princeton. "Back when I was a student, most people came to statistics through the back door. Often, you were a math major and you wound up taking a few statistics courses because you heard it had more connection to the real world. It wasn't until grad school that you really had the opportunity to study statistics," explains Agresti. "Now, most universities have quite a bit available at the undergraduate level."

During Agresti's career there has been an explosion in the demand for trained statisticians, particularly over the past 20 years, with advancements in computing. "There's been a shortage of statisticians for a long time. Partly, it's because statistics has never been regarded as an attractive degree by undergraduates in the U.S.," says Agresti. "Most graduate departments have more international students than American students. But the job market is fantastic. There are simply more jobs than graduates. The pharmaceutical industry alone has a huge need."

Now, for the first time, American students are declaring a statistics major before even stepping foot on a college campus. "It used to be that every college student in intro-stats didn't know what to expect," says Agresti. "Now, there are AP statistics courses offered at many high schools, so it's changed dramatically."

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"The job market is fantastic. There are simply more jobs than graduates."

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Tour fails to 'shine bright'

When Rihanna finally took the time to talk to Metro on the last day of her 777 Tour, she almost made up for how horrible the rest of the trip was

Rihanna's 777 Tour has taken its toll on journalists and fans who followed the star around the globe. After a week, their frustration exploded. Constant delays, lack of sleep (those on board had to crash whenever and wherever they had a chance: on coaches, onboard the plane or on a floor) and not knowing when the next opportunity to eat and drink would materialize make for circumstances most would endure with joy — if only the main subject of the whole trip would show herself offstage. After mounting criticism spread like a wildfire online — that's the risk you take when you invite 150 journalists — Rihanna on the last day showed herself on the plane. Wearing a puffy jacket and dark sunglasses, she appeared 10 minutes before the plane was due to land after the last leg. She even came close to offering an apology. "I didn't get to spend as much time as I'd originally planned with you guys. I think you are tired as well, so I'm gonna come and sit here with you guys. And thank you, everybody, for making this trip the s—," she told the journalists.

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"Press who really wanted to know the dirt rarely got any dirt because I had to be good. I had to be good this time."
RIHANNA

What was the hardest part of the tour?

The hardest part? I guess trying to balance being a hostess and a performer. I'm supposed to do my show and then shut the f— up until the next show. Because the two hours we have to fly, that's when I can sleep, but I really wanted to hang out and interact with everybody and give everybody my time. So I guess that was difficult.

Can you sum up the tour for us?

Rock 'n' roll, true friends. Press who really wanted to know the dirt rarely got any dirt because I had to be good. I had to be good this time. We would have had a 333 tour if I wasn't good. I wouldn't have lasted. I still sound like s— right now. But tonight is the last s—, so we are going all the way. No mercy, that's what I mean. I'm gonna put all my energy into this one show," the singer told our Metro reporter on the plane.

So, on Wednesday, Ri Ri ended the tour at Webster Hall in New York before boarding yet another flight to celebrate Thanksgiving with her ex **Chris Brown** at a club in Berlin. "All alone in my big ole jet!!! See u soon lover," she tweeted before her now empty plane took off.

And with that, the Word is going to take a much-needed break from caring about the mess that is Rihanna.

*— Metro's **Katarina Matsson** tried to follow Rihanna on her 777 Tour. She, and her fellow journalists and fans, didn't have much luck.*

KEVIN MAZUR/WIREIMAGE

▶ Whew. Rihanna's painful 777 Tour is finally over. And so is our reporting on all things Rihanna related — for now.

Talking points

Stone's possible sex tape is out there

"Amazing Spider-Man" star **Emma Stone** could be the latest Hollywood starlet to be haunted by her home-movie past, if Radar Online's report is correct. "Emma Stone has a sex tape and that's a fact," a source tells the website. "She made it long before she started dating **Andrew Garfield** and before she became a household name. She was just young and probably thought nothing would ever come of it." Luckily for Stone, no efforts have been made to shop the tape around — yet. "The tape remains in the hands of the person she made it with," the source explains. "But that doesn't mean there's any guarantee that it won't eventually hit the market. The higher Emma's star rises, the more valuable that tape becomes."

Emma Stone

Bieber and Gomez: It's back on!

Justin Bieber and **Selena Gomez** are actually back together and trying desperately to make their relationship work amid all the public scrutiny, a source close to the pair tells Radar Online. "The problem between them stemmed from Justin texting other girls," the source explains. "Selena is embarrassed by what he did because it makes her look stupid, that he would talk to these other girls, and she is also embarrassed that everyone is so invested in their relationship now because of his actions." And as for their dinner date in L.A. last week that ended with Gomez storming out? "There was no blowup," the source says. "Selena is just super-embarrassed by all of this attention, and she got upset when they sat down and people were staring and pulling out their cell phones."

▶ Gomez, Bieber

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Eva Longoria is getting in touch with nature, Paris Jackson has an idea for an app, Paris Hilton is a sucker for reality television and Emma Watson is quite strong.

@EvaLongoria: Omg this white/grey owl just landed on my balcony 5 feet away from me! Doesn't that symbolize something?!

@ParisJackson: can they make a settings for when you type on an iphone it makes a typewriter clicking sound and when you send a text it goes "ka-ching!"

@ParisHilton: At home relaxing watching Honey Boo Boo. She is such a lil character, love her! Such a funny cute show. Lol

@EmWatson: I never feel so accomplished as when I open a tough jar.

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Between acts of Thanksgiving gluttony were a few choice concerts

1: Klara Soderberg of the Swedish folk duo First Aid Kit performed on Thanksgiving in Manchester.

2: Andrea Bocelli kicked off his six-city fall tour on Friday in San Jose, Calif.

3: Ke$ha stopped by NBC's "Today" on Tuesday to promote her forthcoming new album, "Warrior."

4: Gwen Stefani fronted at No Doubt concert on Saturday in Universal City, Calif.

5: R. Kelly brought his "Single Ladies" tour to MSG Theater on Wednesday in New York City.

6: Diana Krall performed at Palais des Congres on Wednesday in Paris, France.

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Vampires foil Tooth Fairy, Santa to claim box office win

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▶ "Come, come children, and give me your allowance money," beckons Aro of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2."

Teen vampire film "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2" took another bite of the domestic box office, drawing $64 million in ticket sales over the five-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend to finish ahead of the James Bond film "Skyfall."

After opening with a massive $141.1 million last weekend, the finale of the "Twilight" franchise brought in a holiday swarm of fans to see teen favorites Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner, pushing "Breaking Dawn" to $227 million in domestic ticket sales.

"Skyfall," starring Daniel Craig in the 23rd installment of the James Bond franchise, finished second, collecting $51 million in weekend ticket sales in the United States and Canada, according to studio estimates compiled by the box office division of Hollywood.com.

"Lincoln," Steven Spielberg's historical film on the last days of President Abraham Lincoln, grabbed third with $34.1 million over the Wednesday-through-Sunday period.

Making its debut in fourth place with $32.6 million was the animated film "Rise of the Guardians," featuring the voices of Chris Pine and Alec Baldwin as the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus, respectively.

"Life of Pi," based on Yann Martel's 2001 best-seller about a boy who survives on a raft with a tiger after a ship sinks, collected $30.15 million for a strong fifth-place finish.

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TV watch list

BROWNIE HARRIS/NBC

▶ Billy Burke, left, stars as Miles Matheson and David Lyons as Sebastian Monroe on "Revolution."

'Revolution'

DRAMA. The mid-season finale finds Miles and Monroe — the former pals who have become the embodiment of good and evil postblackout — facing off in a much anticipated showdown in Philadelphia. (Bonus points to J.J. Abrams and co. if it all goes down "Rocky"-style.)
10:01 p.m., NBC

'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition'

REALITY. Jenny McCarthy guest hosts the first of four holiday-themed weepers this season; this one is a Thanksgiving-themed episode transforming the home of a Knoxville, Tenn., family that has dedicated their lives to helping single mothers. **9 p.m., ABC**

'Dancing with the Stars: All-Stars'

REALITY. Tonight's final routines lead to tomorrow's very first disco ball trophy-winning all-star.
8 p.m., ABC

'RuPaul's All Stars Drag Race'

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Going 'Psycho'

James D'Arcy takes on Anthony Perkins for 'Hitchcock' Though no fan of horror films, D'Arcy got to know the master of suspense early on Why co-star Sir Anthony Hopkins is not so intimidating when wearing a fat suit

FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

▶ In "Hitchcock," James D'Arcy plays the pensive actor who would become synonymous with the name Norman Bates.

James D'Arcy isn't one for impersonations. Though he has played King Edward in Madonna's "W.E." and more recently Anthony Perkins in Sacha Gervasi's "Hitchcock" — in theaters now — the British actor is hesitant to claim an ability to mimic the famous personalities he's played.

"I think you don't get too bogged down, in that it's not a documentary," he says. "Firstly you've got to serve the script. ... Then, after that, you try to be respectful and as honest as one can. I've never met either of [the real-life people I've played], so it's very difficult. I think you get stuck down that nasty cul-de-sac if you try and do an impression."

Playing the timid Perkins, whose name was to become synonymous with Norman Bates after he played the fictional killer in Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 film "Psycho" presented its own challenges. "Hitchcock" follows the titular master of suspense as he develops and shoots his most famous film. The story is largely Hitchcock's, exploring how famed murderer Ed Gein became his inspiration and how the landmark film affected his relationship with longtime collaborator and wife Alma Reville. The relationship between Hitchcock and Perkins was a surprisingly positive one, though only hints of it are shown in the film.

"Hitchcock was very collaborative with Tony Perkins, and I didn't think that was the way Hitchcock operated at all."

D'ARCY

Q&A

When was the first time you saw a Hitchcock film?

I was 13 and I didn't want to watch it. I knew it was a horror. I knew something about "Psycho." My mum, I think, told me that when she'd seen it, people had fainted in the cinema and people had run out screaming. So I knew about this really scary film, and I don't like horror movies. I was staying at a friend's house and I was lying on the couch. He literally sat on me and made me watch. He sat on me for the whole movie and made me watch it and if I kind of covered my eyes he'd pull my arm away. So that's my first memory of Alfred Hitchcock and "Psycho."

Hitchcock operated at all," D'Arcy says. "It was quite a surprise to discover that, and the photographs ... you see of them together while they're shooting the movie [are] really friendly."

The same could be said of D'Arcy and the man playing his onscreen director, Anthony Hopkins. Almost unrecognizable in his prosthetic mask, contacts and fat suit, the knighted actor's thoroughly convincing costume made him far less imposing to D'Arcy than he otherwise would have been.

"It was so good that it didn't feel like Anthony Hopkins," he admits. "In fact, we've become quite good friends since the movie finished and it's still weird seeing him as Tony, as him with blue eyes, really great piercing blue eyes. When we were working together, [and he was in costume], he was very corpulent and had brown eyes. He looked completely different. You couldn't really see Tony in there at all."

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Silva: The gay Bond villain?

Javier Bardem dissects his skillfully manipulative character in the latest James Bond film, 'Skyfall'

As Silva, the big bad guy in "Skyfall," Javier Bardem joins an impressive legacy of Bond villains that includes such icons as Blofeld and Scaramanga. So how does Bardem make his entry into the canon stand out? Director Sam Mendes had a few ideas: "I want a certain kind of villain, and I have a very particular idea of the kind of flamboyant, lip-smacking relish of this kind of villain," Mendes explains. Here are some key elements a larger-than-life bad guy needs to cross James Bond:

An air of menace: This is a bad guy who gets his kicks playing with people, according to Bardem. "Sam gave me this great note, which is uncomfortableness," he says. "We wanted to create somebody that creates uncomfortable situations rather than being somebody scary and threatening."

Quoted

"We wanted to create somebody that creates uncomfortable situations rather than being somebody scary and threatening."
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That sense of uncomfortableness comes across most strongly during a charged scene in which Silva begins flirting with Bond. "It was part of the game, but he's not entirely gay," Bardem explains.

A sense of fun: "Camp is a word that somebody taught me the other day," Bardem admits. "I realized that we were dealing with something that was fun to play, and that will also bring the opportunity to do ... a humble homage to the Bond classics mixed with something more modern."

A private island: Just as important as a Bond villain's personality quirks is his choice of hideout. When Bond convinces Severine (Berenice Marlohe) to take him to Silva, he soon finds himself approaching a deserted island off the coast of China. This is where Silva has set up his base of operations. As he teasingly asks upon meeting Bond, "Do you like my island?"

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▶ Javier Bardem enjoys a haunting turn as Silva in "Skyfall."

A personal connection

It becomes clear before long that Silva has past ties to MI6 and its head, M (Judi Dench), a connection that makes him all the more threatening. "There's a clear motive. Something happened to him that changed his whole perspective of the world that has to do with the motive in the movie," explains Bardem. "So I think the power of this character is that we understand what he's going through, what he went through. It's very personal, it's very human. This is not a man with bigger thoughts of destroying the world or something like that. It's more like a person with a very specific goal in mind. And that makes him even more dangerous."

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Websites trying to lure shoppers even before Cyber Monday

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▶ In-store shopping isn't obsolete just yet, but many shoppers are now preferring to click their way to a bargain.

Online shopping has grown sharply so far this holiday shopping season after U.S. retailers pushed out a slew of mobile and Internet deals that lured consumers before Cyber Monday, traditionally the biggest day for e-commerce in America.

While it remains to be seen if the gains over Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday can be sustained, the latest estimates show shoppers scooping up early special offers via their smartphones and tablets the way they used to hunt for bargains in brick-and-mortar stores.

Online sales increased 17.4 percent on Thanksgiving and 20.7 percent on Black Friday, compared with 2011, according to IBM Smarter Commerce, a unit of International Business Machines Corp. that analyzes transactions from 500 U.S. retailers.

"The online players are definitely participating more on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, so Cyber Monday is being shared with other holidays now."
SCOT WINGO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHANNELADVISOR

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, had traditionally been the kickoff to the holiday season for stores. This year, retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. made their biggest push ever with special offers during the holiday itself.

Cyber Monday, which follows the long holiday weekend, has been the biggest day for online shopping in recent years, as workers return to their office computers.

Now, armed with mobile devices, particularly Apple Inc.'s iPad and iPhone, shoppers are no longer waiting. They are also using the devices to track down the lowest prices.

The average order value on Black Friday declined by 4.7 percent to $181.22, and the average number of items per order dropped 12 percent to 5.6, according to IBM.

Client sales on Black Friday rose 23 percent from last year, while Thanksgiving sales rose 32 percent year over year, estimated Mercent, which helps merchants sell more on websites including Amazon.com, ebay.com and Google Inc.'s online shopping program.

E-commerce software firm ChannelAdvisor said clients' same-store sales on eBay's online marketplace rose 27 percent on Thanksgiving and 31 percent on Black Friday, compared with a year earlier.

Last year's year-over-year growth was about 15 percent for eBay, ChannelAdvisor said.

"The online players are definitely participating more on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, so Cyber Monday is being shared with other holidays now," said Scot Wingo, chief executive of ChannelAdvisor.

EBay usually grows more slowly early in the holiday season and then ramps up later as retailers run out of hot products and shoppers turn to eBay sellers for those items.

Its strong start this year is driven partly by the company's success in attracting mobile shoppers through shopping apps on smart phones and tablets, Wingo said.

EBay said on Saturday that the volume of its mobile transactions jumped 153 percent on Black Friday, compared with a year earlier. PayPal, the payments division of eBay, saw Black Friday volume almost triple, year over year.

More broadly, purchases from mobile devices accounted for 16.3 percent of online sales on Black Friday, up from 9.8 percent in 2011 and 3.2 percent in 2010, according to IBM data. IPads and iPhones led the charge, with owners using the devices to browse and buy on retailer websites. **REUTERS**

By the numbers

88.3%

Among tablets, iPads were the clear leader: They generated 88.3 percent of traffic to retailers' sites on Friday, followed by Barnes & Noble Inc.'s Nook with 3.1 percent, Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle with 2.4 percent and the Samsung Galaxy with 1.8 percent, IBM said.

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4 Tips for being safe and savvy on Cyber Monday

- Log on today for the biggest online sales of the year
- We got a serious couponer to teach us how to attack
- Plus: Tips on finishing with your identity intact

Not only do you want to save money on Cyber Monday, you also want to save yourself from any troubles later. We tapped Jackie Warrick, the president of CouponCabin.com, for tips.

Prepare a plan

To stick to your budget, it helps to do some research before you shop, she says. "It's important to do your homework and start shopping on an online coupon site, instead of starting on individual store websites or doing a wide-reaching Google search for coupons," she says. "Couponcabin.com is of course a very helpful place to get started: Instead of spending tons of time seeking out the deals, you have all of the offers in front of you."

Did you know?

A recent Coupon Cabin survey found that nearly half (47 percent) of Cyber Monday shoppers will spend more money online than they will in-store the during the rest of the holiday season. Here's how much everyone is planning to spend today:

- **$1-$100** - 39 percent
- **$101-$500** - 54 percent
- **$501-$10,000** - 6 percent

Trust your instincts

"If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," Warrick confirms. "[People] shouldn't get caught up in hitting the checkout button before they've had a chance to make sure the site that they're buying from is legit."

Don't get stuck on shipping

Never pay for shipping on orders of $50 or more, Warrick states: "If a store doesn't offer free shipping on their site, you can definitely come to Coupon Cabin to find a code that you may be able to apply to your order."

Stay up to date

If you want to really find the best savings and special offers throughout the day, Warrick advises following your favorite stores on Twitter and Facebook.

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▶ Before you click "Add to Cart," make sure the website is reputable.

Stay safe

Unfortunately Cyber Monday isn't only good for shoppers — it's also a prime time for scam artists. "[People] should make sure that their anti-virus software is up-to-date," Warrick says. "Then, in the event that they do visit a malicious site or get hacked, their passwords and other information are likely to be protected. … Also, pay attention and only enter payment information on sites that use SSL security [which keeps your credit card information private]," she adds. How can you tell if a website is secure? If the URL of the site you're shopping on begins with https, rather than http, that's a good indication. Warrick also suggests that it helps to regularly check your credit card statements, so you can detect any suspicious activity early.

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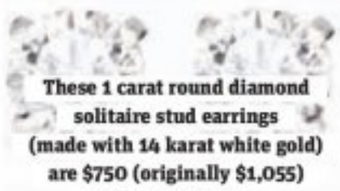

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The iP4 retro boom box is $150 (was $200) at Ihomeaudio.com.

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This trapper hat, regularly $100, is now $75 at Stetson.com.

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▶ Barnes & Noble's Cyber Monday deals include 50 percent off select eBooks, up to 60 percent off DVDs and Blu-rays and a free $20 gift card when you purchase a NOOK with a Mastercard. **www.bn.com**

▶ **Casa.com**, a new site by the people behind **Diapers.com** and **Soap.com**, is offering deals on items for every room in the house, like 25 percent off when you spend $50 or more on bakeware and 50 percent off one item when you buy three or more items in sinkware and accessories.

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▶ Though today, **Hankypanky.com** is offering an underwear blowout: Two boyshorts for $35 (reg. $29 each), zodiac thongs at 75 percent off, 40 percent off collegiate gear and free shipping.

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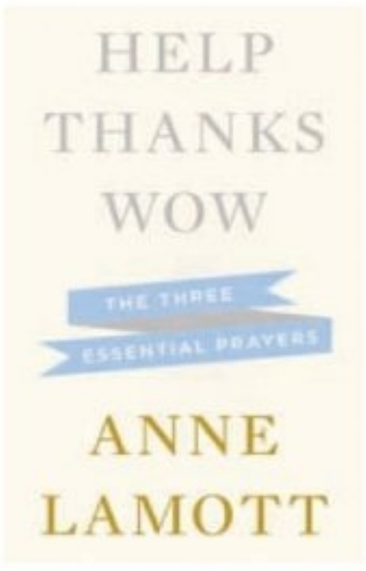

It's the most wonderful time for a self-help tome

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? Most likely, the answer is no. Rather, your iPod's at peak volume as you're racing through aisles, trying to ignore the clanking of shopping carts, the feedback of intercom announcements and the throngs of consumers deliberating over which shades of Ikea table runners their mothers won't turn their noses up at during Christmas dinner. It doesn't matter what's playing; eventually even guided meditation podcasts can't drown out the noise our minds make leading up to the holidays. There's so much anxiety caused by family obligations, end-of-year deadlines, buying gifts (or being unable to do so) and traveling — not that you needed to be reminded.

What's necessary to remember, however, is that we're only human and there's only so much we can take on ourselves. Sometimes we need help, and that's where Anne Lamott comes in. With grace, humility and her signature sense of self-deprecating humor, the celebrated author keeps our insanity in check with her latest inspirational, if breezy, book, "Help, Thanks, Wow." While it's not a guidebook for how to set intentions and offer gratitude — Lamott insists there aren't codes for this — it's a compact companion reader to snap you back to the present moment with each page turn.

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▶ Amidst the chaos of the holidays, there's still plenty to be thankful for. Find your zen.

Quoted

"Awareness is the path, the cord, the channel that connects us to joy."
LAMOTT

For Lamott, "help," "thanks" and "wow" are all expressions of prayer, which she emphasizes can be secular and should be personalized to accommodate your own beliefs. By her definition, prayer is simply "communication from our hearts … to the animating energy of love we are sometimes bold enough to believe in." In other words, it's our needs and desires, articulated. Through self-reflective anecdotes, she breaks down the three prayers and encourages us to start and sustain a practice of peace and mindfulness.

"Help," says Lamott, "is almost an involuntary reaching out, a sound of desperation." The panic could stem from something as small as a delayed flight or as big as a blizzard exacerbating the wreckage caused by superstorm Sandy. Whatever the reason, calling for help is to surrender, admitting we can't control everything, certainly not air traffic or the weather.

If to ask for help means to let go, then giving "thanks" is the ability to reframe what caused us to panic in order to move on. "[To say] 'thank you' breaks through the thoughts, business, obsession and fixation to this pure moment of gratitude, the amazement that things have worked out," insists Lamott. We may not hear answers to our cries for help immediately, but with patience and without anticipating a perfect outcome, we can try to find some good in even the worst-case scenarios.

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▶ Anne Lamott

"Wow" is the release, like the sound of an exhaled breath. "To say 'wow' means you're agreeing to pay attention," says Lamott, adding that awareness "is the path, the cord, the channel that connects us to joy."

According to Lamott, intentions can take various forms, passive or active. For example, she suggests writing them down on paper and then depositing them into a box, which simulates the process of submission and letting go. Moreover, opening the heart can take place anywhere, even in transit. "Anywhere you are conscious is sacred space," says Lamott. Your subway car may be crowded, stuffy and loud, but the author adds: "It's all nutritious, if you're truly there for it."

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Yoga pose of the week

Extended triangle pose

1 Stand with your feet apart at least as wide as the length of your own leg.

2 Turn your right foot out 90 degrees and your left foot in about 45 degrees.

3 Lift the sides of your waist as you stretch your arms out to your sides, then lean to your right and place your right hand on your foot, shin, knee or upper thigh, depending on your flexibility.

4 After five to eight breaths, switch sides.

Benefits:
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- Stretches the hips, groins, hamstrings, calves, shoulders, chest and spine
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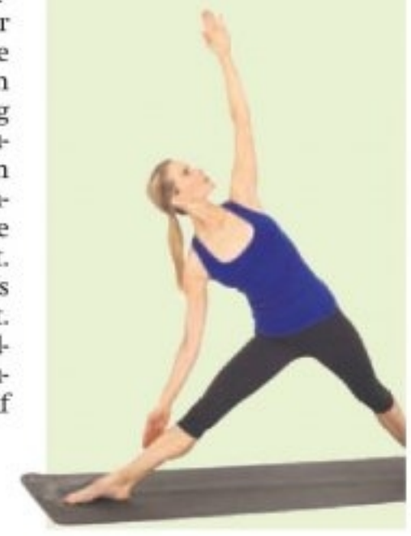

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5 Questions you should not ask during a job interview

Coming prepared with appropriate, engaging questions can help you land the gig ◗ But inquiring about your paycheck and vacation time up-front may be deal breakers ◗ What to avoid bringing up at the end of your chat

Being prepared with the right questions at the end of an interview can help seal the deal in your favor.

However, ask any of the following questions and you could be staring at your phone for weeks wondering where it all went wrong.

1 How much will I make at this gig?: You should know how much you would like to be paid compared to industry standards and for someone with your experience. The interviewer may ask you about the salary range you are expecting to earn. You, however, should never ask them how much you are going to earn, especially during a first interview.

It's a double standard, but asking makes you look like you care more about the money than the job at hand. Put your passion for the work before your empty bank account.

2 Do I have to work overtime or on weekends or holidays?: The details of vacation time and pay should be left for a later interview or after receiving a job offer. Ask instead what a typical day or work week is like at the office for someone in this position to figure out what's been done in the past and the time commitment required.

3 How long until I get promoted?: Try not to make it sound like you are only using this job as a stepping stone to your next one. Focusing on how passionate you are about this job, its projects and the company's goals is a better tactic.

Learn about advancement in a more roundabout way, such as by asking about possible training and development opportunities, performance reviews or asking the interviewer where they started with the company to get to where they are now.

4 I heard about [some piece of company news] on your website. Can you tell me more?: If you found something interesting on the company's website and just want to prove you did your homework, don't ask this question. The interviewer may not be able to answer the question if they don't work in that department.

Also, they'll expect that you will have already read up on their latest news and may wonder why you're asking about it. If you find a piece of news related to the job and have an interesting and precise question to ask that you think can be answered by the interviewer, go for it. You want to seem perceptive and knowledgeable, and not that you simply know how to use Google.

5 When is the baby due?: Keep all personal questions out of the equation and don't refer to the interviewer casually unless instructed to do so. Build rapport in other ways by asking them about their management style or their involvement with the position at hand. Company culture is another safe bet. Don't broach the topic of drinks after work just yet — unless they do, in which case, keep your enthusiasm for alcohol to a minimum.

▶ They get to ask whatever they want. You, however, have some rules to play by.

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Career trends

Do you have what it takes to be a social media manager?

Just a few years ago, social media managers didn't even exist. Now, some 79 percent of corporations have jumped on the bandwagon, hiring professionals to drive their online efforts. The growth is astounding and it's a role that's here to stay.

It's the perfect job if you're someone who enjoys interacting with people (remember, it is social media!) and thrives on creativity, risk and experimentation. What are employers looking for when hiring someone to fill this role? Hint: They're not looking for someone who stares at his or her Facebook feed all day.

Adaptability and versatility

Online and social media is one of the most — if not the most — fast-paced and booming industries. New technologies and tools emerge and fail every day. Social media managers must be quick to adapt to new trends and understand how to apply them to a company's advantage.

More than that, they often have to be comfortable wearing different hats and juggling different skills. You must be a researcher, a communicator, a writer and an event planner — all at the same time. You must embrace and thrive in this state of flux.

▶ As a social media manager, you're on the clock as long as people are online — so, almost always.

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Flexibility

Conversations don't stop the minute you walk out of the office. The thing about the online world is that it operates 24/7 and conversations will happen with or without you.

Your hours will be a little different from the usual 9-to-5 grind because people are always talking, tweeting, uploading videos and photos, and updating their Facebook statuses. You'll likely have to check social networks around the clock. (And no, that does not count as overtime.)

Enthusiasm and energy

You are the online voice and face for the company. You need to exude passion for whatever product or service you are representing. You need to understand the industry lingo, empathize with the company's community and live and breathe that brand. If you don't? Not only will you be ineffective in driving your company's visibility, but you're going to hate your life while doing so.

But being the resident evangelist for an organization you do believe in? Great feeling. Great results. Just remember: Passion is never overrated and it can't be forced.

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Front Desk Coordinator – Busy consulting firm located in the Back Bay is looking for a Front Desk Coordinator for their Boston office. Duties include answering incoming phone calls to the firm, greeting visitors on-site, managing conference room schedule, processing mail and completing ad hoc projects in support of the firm. High proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook is required. $11-13/hour.

Executive Assistant – OfficeTeam is looking to hire an Executive Assistant for one of their top clients in downtown Boston. In this position, you will be responsible for supporting the entire executive team as part of the executive administrative staff. Job responsibilities will include calendar management, making travel and meeting arrangements, preparing reports and financial data, training and supervising other support staff, and customer relations.
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Building a more perfect union

Union organizer Jason Mann on the common mistakes that new unions make ◗ How unhappy workers can more effectively organize themselves

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▶ Members of the Service Employees Union protested outside the Los Angeles International Airport last week.

In 2003, Jason Mann grew exponentially more frustrated every week his employer — a well-known office supply store — failed to pay him on time. The unionizing drive he helped lead was ultimately unsuccessful, but he left the company determined to put the experience to good use. Ever since, Mann has been a prolific organizer, consulting with countless international unions, including IATSE, Teamsters and SEIU. In 2009, he founded his own Vancouver-based company, Strategic Organizing.

What do you love about union organizing?

I love the process: You start out with a small group of people who are afraid to meet with you in the beginning because they have no power. You watch them slowly become more empowered. They go from a place of being disrespected to feeling they can speak up for themselves.

How is organizing in the U.S. different than in Canada?

In Canada, if a group wants a union they will have a vote within 10 days of calling for one. In the States it could take months.

Where do union drives go wrong?

One of the biggest mistakes is that they send people cold out to the field. They give them a business card and say, "You're a union organizer now." But they're put up against very well-trained consultants and political operatives.

What's a better strategy?

Looking at how other unions are winning. Ultimately, it's not all about the little authorization cards that are handed out. It's about empowering people to stick together. You've got to create a strong organization within the workplace before you try to get certified. That takes specific training. I also think there's a big opportunity now to use social media to talk to nonunion workers. Before, you had to go to workplaces to talk to people, which raised a red flag to employers.

How do you deal with being an object of scorn to many employers?

The reason why a union drive starts is that folks contact the union office. It's almost always because they're not being treated with fairness and respect. It's true that if the boss doesn't have absolute control over the workplace, they don't necessarily like that. I can accept that. I know I'm there for the right reason.

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Get a copy

Mann's latest book, "Promoting Your Union: Six Strategies to Get More Organizing Leads and Union Members," is available for free download at **www.promotingyourunion.com/ebookpdf.**

Technology

Using tablets to seal the deal

The effective use of mobile technology is increasingly becoming a driver of selling success. In competitive industries, sales reps need anytime-access to account information, collateral and other materials — the kind of access that can be achieved through tablets. Regardless of the size of the organization, sales teams need to either integrate technology into the sales process or risk becoming irrelevant to their customer base. Here are four ways tablets can make sales reps more effective.

1 Information at your fingertips: Tablets give sales reps instant access to a wide range of marketing and presentation materials. From full-color catalogs to fully updated product specs, technologically savvy sales reps have an exceptionally large amount of information at their fingertips.

Using tablets, sales reps can access applications that allow them to place orders, monitor inventory, track shipping or provide their customers with other important insights while in the field.

2 Geolocation pinpoints opportunity: Geolocation is often underutilized by sales professionals. Custom apps that integrate mapping functions improve prospecting opportunities by allowing sales reps to search for nearby opportunities according to various criteria. Sales teams can also use geolocation to identify existing clients who are in the immediate vicinity, capitalizing on opportunities to connect with open accounts.

3 Tablets increase productivity: Tablets and smartphones make it easy for sales personnel to view, track and manipulate data on the go. Because this eliminates the need for sales reps to return to the office to update software, re-evaluate sales opportunities or perform other tasks, they are more efficient and can dedicate more time to customer interaction.

4 Tablets have a "wow" factor: There is no denying the fact that tablets give sales reps a certain wow factor — the ability to impress customers with high-quality presentations and instant access to vast amounts of product and/or market information.

MIKE SNYDER FOR Mashable
The Social Media Guide

▶ Tablets should be part of every company's strategy to make sales reps more effective.

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News in brief

Cyber Monday in the office

Looking to score some deskside Cyber Monday deals? You won't be the only one clicking through Amazon: In a new survey by staffing firm Robert Half Technology, only one-third of employers interviewed said they blocked access to online shopping sites. That's down dramatically from last year, when 60 percent reported blocking access. While 55 percent of employers said that they allow online shopping but monitor their employees for excessive use, 10 percent reported allowing unlimited access to shopping sites.

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Sticks and stones may break bones, but words catch world's attention

RE: "HAMAS SAYS TRUCE AGREED; ISRAEL, EGYPT SAY NO DEAL YET" (METRO, NOV. 21-25) I believe that the Palestinians would have more success in their struggle with Israel if they adopted exclusively nonviolent tactics. A nonviolent Palestine could occupy the moral high ground in world opinion. No more rock-throwing and no more rockets. Israel is heavily armed, so contending with them militarily makes no sense. (Of course nonviolence strategy would work better for both sides.) In "The Politics of Nonviolent Action," Gene Sharp discusses 198 nonviolent tactics. Such tactics were successfully used, for example, in South Africa — and in the independence movements in India and Lithuania.

PAUL EMILE ANDERS, VIA E-MAIL

To those writers who decry the recent events in Gaza, I commend you for your compassion. But who is to blame for the Palestinian's plight? Israel? To some degree; their policy on settlement is inflammatory, to say the least.

But don't forget to blame Hezbollah, Hamas and their patron states like Syria and Iran, who profit from the death of every Israeli and Palestinian child equally. Let's not forget the Palestinian leaders, like Yasser Arafat, who snatched defeat from the jaws of victory at Taba, and finally, the Palestinians who allow themselves to be cannon-fodder and human shields for those who would use their population centers to launch indiscriminate attacks on Israeli civilians. There will be no peace, as Golda Meir said, as long as the Palestinians hate the Israelis more than they love their own children.

ERIC BLOCK, VIA E-MAIL

RE: "IT'S A BAD IDEA TO STICK BY ALLIES, EVEN WHEN WRONG" (METRO, NOV. 21-25) I wonder how letter writer Rich Brittle would react if someone were launching rockets at his house. I agree with his statement that our hearts should bleed for Palestine and its people. However, our hearts should also bleed for the Israelis who have been killed by Hamas terrorism.

JOHN FRANCIS FOX, VIA E-MAIL

Talk about a sore ... winner?

RE: "GOP ONLY WINS VOTES BY CHEATING" (METRO, NOV. 21-125) Letter writer Paul Simons is unbelievable.

His team wins, but he has to cry foul over the few victories the other side gets.

"The Democrats had more votes" — well, yes, but you're not supposed to count dead people and pets.

"President Obama is a fighter" — yes. He fought for as much media time on "The View" and for as many donations as possible while Ambassador Stevens was being killed in Benghazi by the al Qaeda that he personally had decimated by allowing the Navy Seals to take out Osama bin Laden.

Your guy won, Paul.

The Era of American Exceptionalism lost.

Just be happy with that, OK?

FRANK DIXON, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Establish an agenda and do your best to adhere to it. Unless you put some kind of plan together, you could get into trouble when trying to cut corners.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** While in your presence, a couple of friends might put down an absent friend. Under no circumstances should you contribute to the bash-fest.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Details could be of unusual importance when it comes to your big objectives. A failure to read the fine print and double-check everything could deprive you of the success you usually enjoy.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There are very few things that would invite as many complications as would you being a copycat. Methods that worked well for another might cause you big trouble — and damage your reputation, to boot.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Guard against temptation to spend money on something that has previously proven to be wasteful. Don't be misled twice: You can't afford it.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although you might feel impelled to make a difficult decision, don't do so impulsively. Take plenty of time to study the matter first, weighing all of your alternatives.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** A poor attitude will work to your detriment if you're not careful. You could easily make a problematical assignment even more difficult than it already is.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be extremely careful not to come on too strong in your business and personal matters. Even if your input is well intended, your associates might feel you're trying to dominate them.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your respect for authority figures could appear to be nonexistent if you're not careful. Be as diplomatic as possible when dealing with those with lots of clout.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If someone should ask you to deliver a message, take precautions and write it down. Your memory might not be up to it's usual strength, and you may lose something in translation.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't trust important instructions to your memory. Your recall might not be as flawless as you think — and if not, you could land in a lot of trouble.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Cooperativeness is always important, but it's especially essential in your current one-on-one relationships. If you lack the ability to work well with others, it could cause needless problems.

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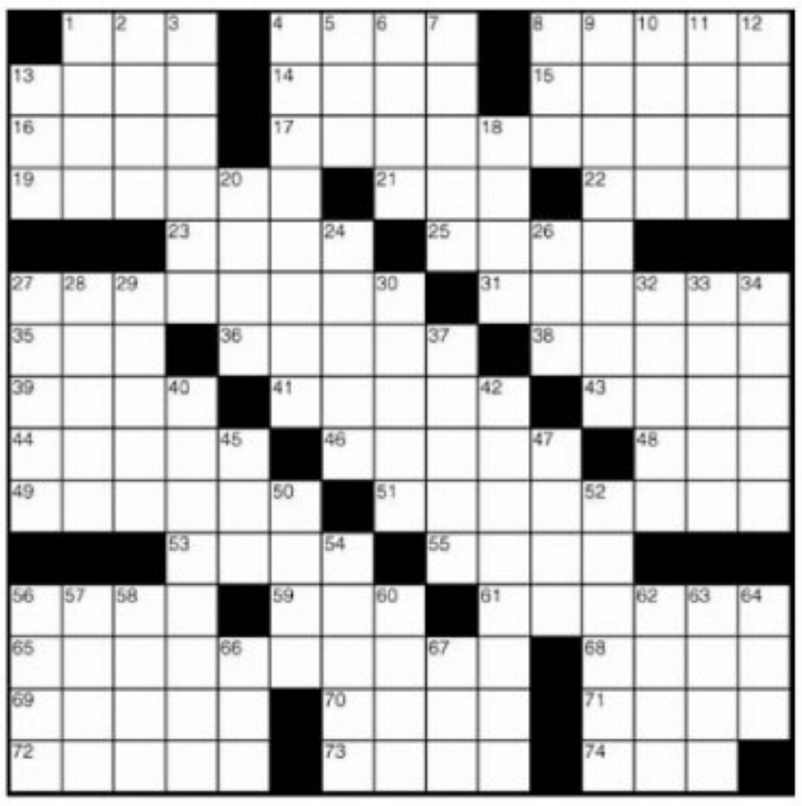

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In the news

▶ Frank Spaziani

Eagles fire Spaz after 2-10 season

Frank Spaziani was fired as head coach of the Boston College Eagles football team Sunday after guiding the team to a dismal 2-10 record this past season.

Spaziani had been head coach of the Eagles since 2009 and posted a 22-29 mark overall. He had previously been an assistant at the school for 12 years.

"A personnel decision of this magnitude affects many people and is never taken lightly, but I felt a change was necessary," new BC athletic director Brad Bates said. "It is with gratitude that we recognize the many contributions coach Spaziani has made to Boston College during his 16 years in Chestnut Hill. He displayed unwavering dedication and loyalty to our institution and our football student-athletes."

MATT BURKE

Pats looking well beyond AFC East

Pats target December as month to gain ground in race for a top-2 seed Houston game will be huge

With the win over the Jets on Thanksgiving, the AFC East is essentially locked up for the New England Patriots.

But simply winning the division — something that has become an annual tradition for the Patriots — isn't the goal.

The Patriots play for Super Bowls and they're putting themselves in a good position to make another run at one this year. As the current No. 3 seed in the AFC, though, they can do more.

Houston and Baltimore stand in the way of New England's hopes for a first round bye, but they will have little room for error. New England is a staggering 19-0 in the second half of the season dating back to 2010.

With a game in two weeks against the 10-1 Texans on Monday Night Football, there's a real chance a No. 1 or No. 2 seed will be on the line. Having the head-to-head matchup advantage is like virtually having another win over the other team, because a tied record at the end of the season will go to the winner of the head-to-head.

The Texans have been finding ways to win, but it appears that their defense has fallen apart over the last couple weeks. They gave up 37 points to the Jaguars two weeks ago, needing overtime to beat them. On Thanksgiving, they gave up 31 more points to the Lions, again needing overtime to squeak by.

Giving up that many points could eventually come back to bite Houston, which must also play the Colts two more times (Week 15 and 17). With Indy in the playoff hunt, they'll certainly have their hands full.

Speaking of head-to-head matchups, the Ravens have the advantage over New England after beating them 31-30 back in Week 3. When the Patriots lost that game, there was talk at the time that it could end up being a huge loss down the road if both teams end up with the same record. It appears as though that fear was warranted. Still, Baltimore has no cakewalk schedule going forward. The Ravens must beat the Steelers, the Redskins on the road, the Broncos, and the Giants if they hope to maintain their advantage over the Patriots.

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▶ Stevan Ridley and the Patriots kicked the door down at MetLife Stadium last Thursday.

AFC Standings

A look at the AFC Playoff picture after Week 12:

1. Houston (10-1)
2. Baltimore (9-2)
3. New England (8-3)
4. Denver (8-3)
5. Indianapolis (7-4)
6. Pittsburgh (6-5)

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In the news

Tragic news

Alexandra "Sasha" McHale, the 23-year-old daughter of Celtics legend Kevin McHale, died Saturday. Sasha McHale reportedly suffered from the autoimmune disease lupus and was recently hospitalized. Kevin McHale had recently been on leave as head coach of the Rockets.

ARBOUR HOSPITAL
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Arbour Hospital is a 118-bed private psychiatric facility located in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood.

The Hospital recently renovated their Adolescent Unit in Jamaica Plain and also opened a new 18-bed, Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Unit in Quincy, MA. Arbour Hospital specializes in adult and adolescent mental health treatment as well as dual diagnosis services. Other services include Latino, partial hospitalization programs (PHP), and outpatient treatment. Arbour Hospital in Jamaica Plain is recruiting individuals who are looking for a rewarding and exciting career in a Behavioral Health and are seeking:

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Occupational Therapist to work at Arbour Hospital in Jamaica Plain will be responsible for performing functional assessments and developing a therapeutic groups program including psycho-therapeutic and psycho-educational groups as well as occupational therapy enhanced by sensory interventions. Master's Degree and license in Occupational Therapy as well as a minimum of one year working with adults in an inpatient setting required. This is a full-time, benefit eligible position.

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Steelers upset by Cleveland

Craig Robertson and the Browns roughed up Pittsburgh yesterday.

Pittsburgh in desperate need of Big Ben return ◗ Bears separate themselves in NFC North ◗ Stingy Seahawks can't handle the Dolphins

NFL roundup

The playoff picture is becoming more clear and each game is that much more important now that we're past Thanksgiving. Many of the games yesterday featured teams in playoff contention and several came down to the wire. A rundown of Week 12 action:

Cleveland 20
Pittsburgh 14

With third string quarterback Charlie Batch starting due to injury, Pittsburgh turned the ball over eight times in their six-point loss in Cleveland. With the loss, the Steelers are now 6-5 and hope to get starting quarterback Ben Roethlisberger back sooner than expected.

Chicago 28
Minnesota 10

Despite a rash of injuries on both sides of the ball, the Bears were able to defeat the Vikings at home in convincing fashion. Michael Bush ran for 60 yards and two touchdowns in the win and Chicago saw wide receiver Brandon Marshall haul in 12 passes for 92 yards. Chicago is now 8-3, while Minnesota is 6-5.

Denver 17
Kansas City 9

In a game closer than most expected, the Broncos earned an eight-point road win in Kansas City, improving to 8-3. Peyton Manning continued his great season, throwing for 285 yards and two touchdowns. Kansas City fell to 1-10.

Miami 24
Seattle 21

This may have been the most exciting game of the early games as the Dolphins defeated the Seahawks on a Dan Carpenter 43-yard field goal as time expired. The game featured two rookie quarterbacks, both of whom played well. Seattle's Russell Wilson threw for 224 yards and two touchdowns while Ryan Tannehill passed for 253 yards and a score in the Miami win.

Atlanta 24
Tampa Bay 23

In an NFC South battle, the Falcons held on for a one-point road win. Michael Turner's three-yard touchdown run with 7:55 remaining proved to be the game-winning score. Matt Ryan threw for 353 yards and a touchdown in the victory, while Doug Martin rushed for 50 yards and two touchdowns in the loss. Atlanta is now 10-1 while Tampa Bay fell to 6-5 on the year.

Leftovers

A look at other scores around the league:

- Jaguars 24, Titans 19
- Colts 20, Bills 13
- Bengals 34, Raiders 10
- 49ers 31, Saints 21
- Rams 31, Cardinals 17
- Ravens 16, Chargers 13

Fantasy Player of the Day: Julio Jones, Atlanta Falcons, WR. 6 catches, 146 yards, 1 touchdown.

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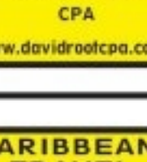

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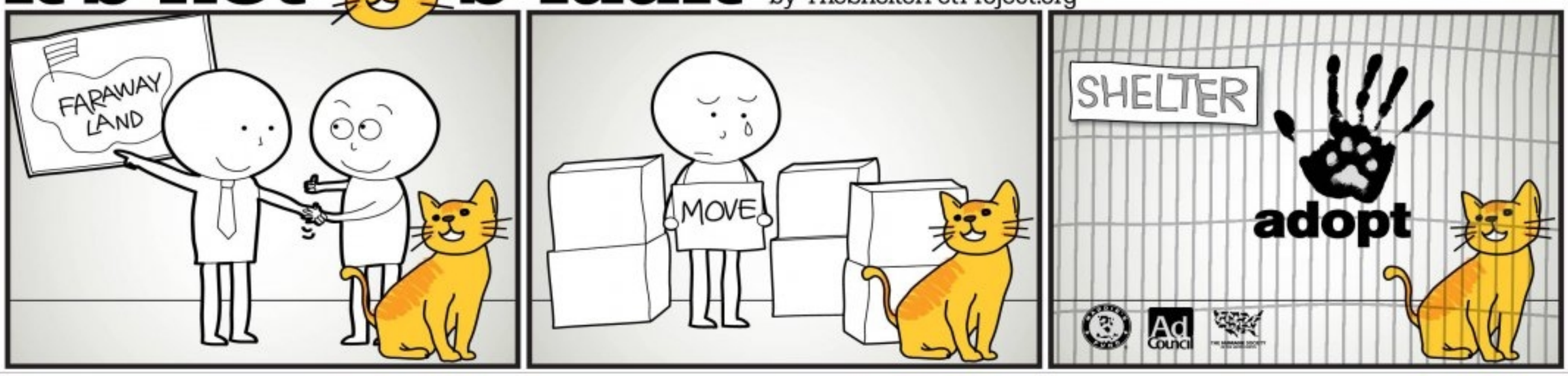

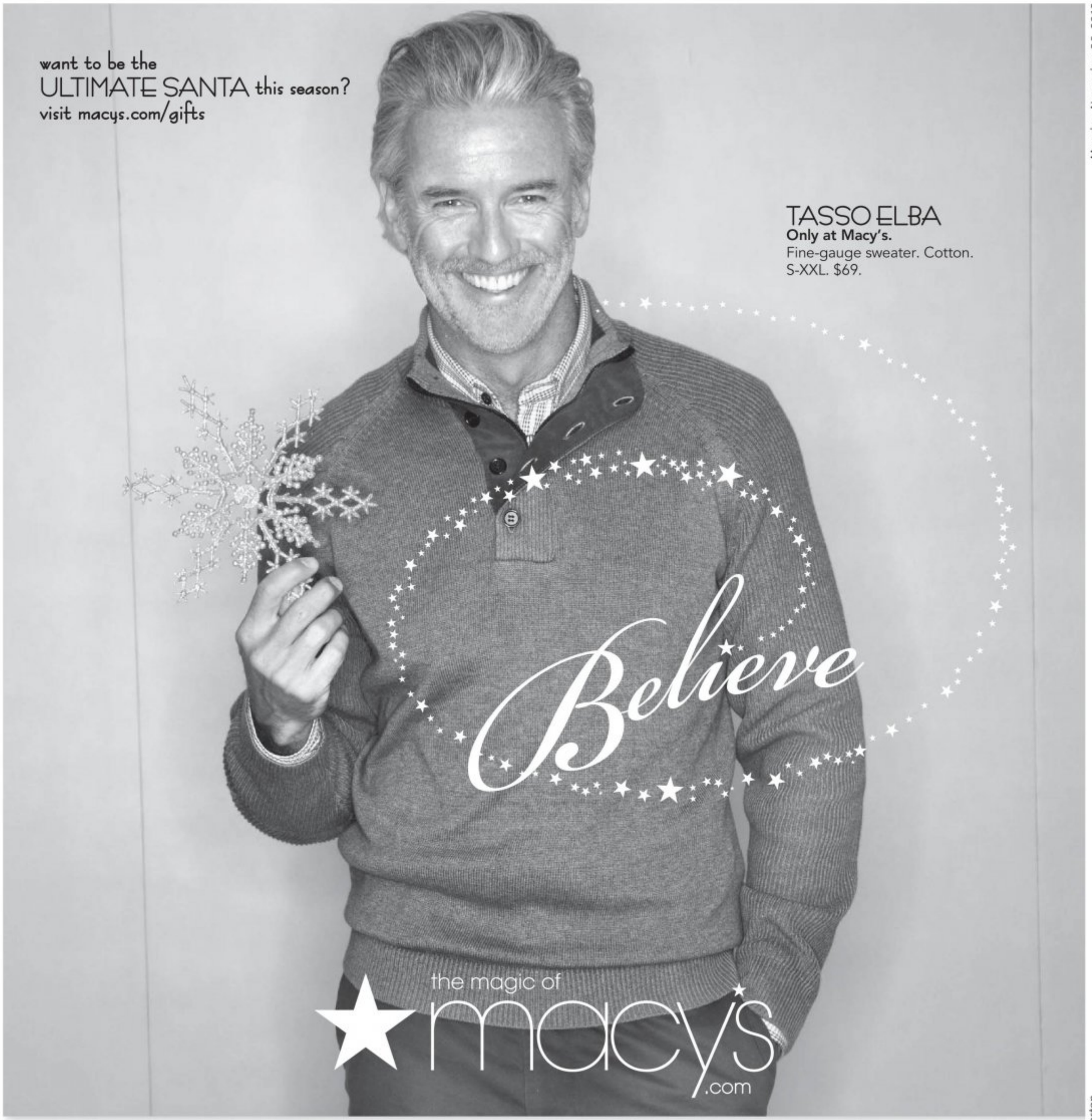

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